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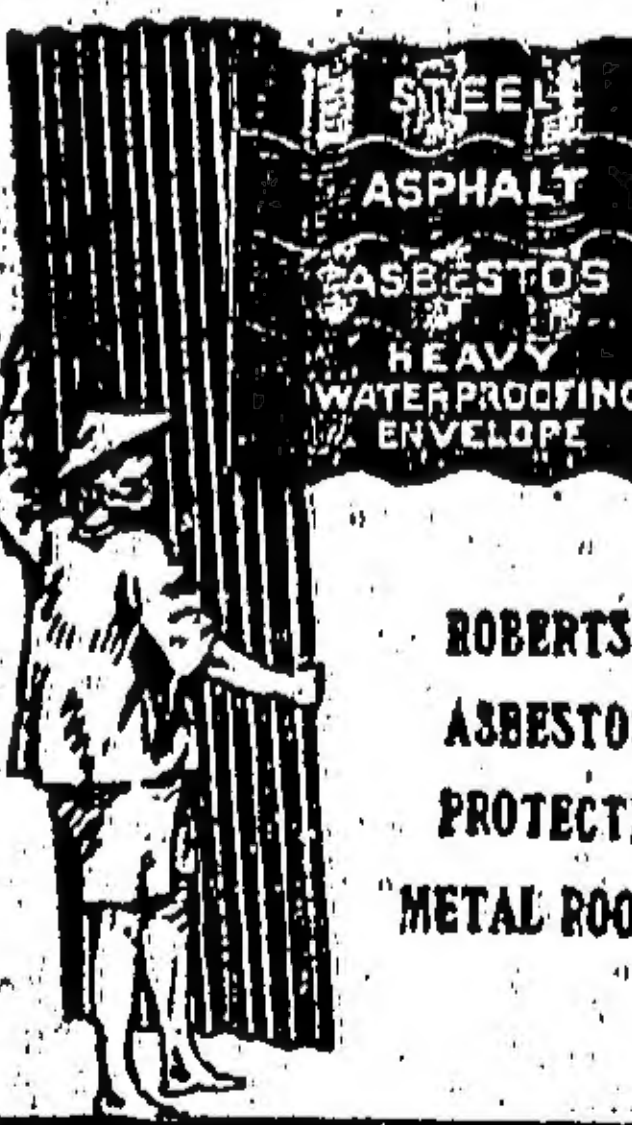
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COLONY'S HOUSES.

SUPPLY NOW MORE THAN DEMAND.

OWNERS' PETITION.

Government Favours Assessment Relief.

The manner in which the provision of tenements in the Colony had caught up with and exceeded the demand was referred to at the Legislative Council this morning when a measure was mooted to relieve owners of tenement houses of certain rates in respect of vacant flats. The measure is the result of appeals for relief by such owners.

It was resolved that it is desirable that legislation be introduced, as a temporary measure of relief, in order to enable refunds of rates to be made in respect of vacant portions of tenements in certain cases.

To understand the resolution said the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Attorney-General, in moving it, it is necessary to have some knowledge of the rating system in vogue under the present rating ordinance. The original value of a house or tenement is the amount at which the tenement might reasonably be expected to be let. The assessor arrives at this amount from information as to the actual rentals and his general knowledge of house property in the Colony. The percentage is something like 13 per cent., although it varies in different parts.

As the rates are in the nature of an occupation tax, provision is naturally made in the Ordinance for refunds in cases where premises have been vacated. The two principal conditions precedent to right of such refund of rates depend on, firstly, the whole tenement having been taken during the whole of any given month, and, secondly, on the rates for the particular quarter in which the refund is claimed, having been paid in the first month of the quarter.

Under the system in vogue in the present existing law, the unit of rating is the whole house. The floor is not taken as a unit, as a rule, but the whole house. For instance, in a house in Des Voeux Road the second floor might be let out of four floors but the whole house is treated as one rateable unit. Consequently, before the payer of the tax can ask for a refund, the whole of his house must have been vacant during some month of the quarter.

The system at present in vogue works out fairly in ordinary times, continued the Attorney-General, because in making the assessment the assessor is allowed to deduct from the total probable rental, an allowance up to 20 per cent. from probable vacancies and this is regularly done. That deduction from the total probable rental in ordinary times is quite enough to relieve the payer of the tax of a burden which he would otherwise have to bear when premises are vacant.

Working "Hardly."

What has been proposed to the Government recently is that in the present temporarily depressed condition of house property in certain parts of the Colony, such legislation as exists at present works unfairly, or perhaps, I should say, hardly, because, for various reasons, it happens in certain parts of the Colony that vacancies are very much more frequent and lasting much longer than in ordinary times. Some of the causes for this, date back a considerable time, beginning really at the time of the land boom and the time when the housing accommodation of the Colony was far behind the demand. Land was bought, buildings started and for a long time buildings failed to catch up with the demand.

Over a year ago it was predicted by well informed persons that at the rate of progress there would shortly be overbuilding. That result has now been reached and in certain new parts of the Colony, there was more accommodation than tenants. One, two and three floors might be taken and only one let. When that happens, the owner, besides having to put in and take out in respect of interest on mortgages, etc., has to pay for the whole house. In some cases, he may thus have to pay out more in respect of the house than he receives for rent for the floor occupied.

The owners of that class of property are feeling the pressure

ACCIDENTS.

LAND AND HARBOUR COLLISIONS.

MOTOR BOAT SUNK.

A series of motor accidents yesterday ended with a harbour collision this morning.

The first of the accidents occurred in the morning near the Central Market when a Chinese boy ran in front of a motor car driven by Dr. B. A. Tottenham, of the University. The boy was slightly injured.

A coolie running out of the Sang Lee matched at Praya East went under a motor cycle driven by Mr. A. May. The man received some bruises.

A private owned car was wrecked by losing control in Garden Road. Two small boys were injured.

Opposite the Mongkok Police Station, a Kai Tack motor bus had the worst of a collision with another vehicle.

Harbour Smash.

The ferry launch "Northern Star" collided with two motor boats lying between the ferry wharf and the public pier at 6.45 this morning. One motor boat was sunk and the other received damage to the extent of \$100. The occupants were rescued.

continued the Attorney-General, and they would be glad of the relief which would be given by a more generous system of refunds. The Government have not acted hastily in pressing for this legislation to be brought forward. The first request was received several months ago; the Government was not satisfied at that time that a case had been made out. It has since come to the conclusion that a case has been made out. The form that relief is to take is that the Governor in Council shall have power to exercise it in cases in which he thinks fit to do so.

Refund Conditions.

The measure is put in this wide form because the facts of the different classes of cases will vary, and it will afford a quick and easy method of arriving at correction in the varying circumstances. The intention is that refund will only be granted in cases where two or more floors of the tenement are vacant. The relief is not intended in respect of owners of single floors because of the provision already mentioned for deduction of assessment for vacancies which it is believed covers one floor vacancies.

The refund in respect of vacant tenements of more than one floor will not be the total rates attributable to those floors but (in the case of two vacant floors) will probably be the amount of rates attributable to one of them.

The relief will not be granted in respect of January owing to the difficulty of checking claims for vacancies but it will in respect of claims for the present month and also for March. It is impossible to say how long this relief will be required and no undertaking is given that it will continue beyond the present quarter. If it is, owners of property who may expect to apply for it should remember that no claim for refund can be considered unless the rates for the tenement in question have been paid during the first month of the quarter and any owner who may claim in the second quarter should pay his rates in the first month of the quarter.

An official notice which will be gazetted in due course was referred to by the Attorney-General. This is a statement in short of his explanation of the reasons for introducing the measure and states that the fact that rates were not paid in advance in January will not necessarily be a bar to relief in respect of February and March, 1926. If this special and temporary arrangement is continued in the next quarter, i.e., April to June, relief in that quarter will probably depend on the notification states, on payment of the rates in advance during April.

Applications for refunds should be sent to the Colonial Treasurer, further stated the Attorney-General, and decision will be arrived at by the Governor in Council.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Acting Colonial Secretary, seconded the adoption of the resolution that the Council were in favour of the measure and it was carried unanimously.

TO-NIGHT'S BALL.

EXCELLENT PROMISE FOR SUCCESS.

CITY HALL EFFECTS.

Prospects for the success of to-night's celebration (St. Andrew's Ball) at the City Hall are greater than ever, the postponement of the function having in no way interfered with the arrangements which, if a preliminary survey of the City Hall and the opinions of those who are going is anything to go by, have been as efficiently carried out as is always the case at this most popular annual event. Everything possible has been done for the comfort of the many guests who are expected.



Dr. G. D. R. Black, Chief of St. Andrew's Society, who presides over the annual Ball this night. The photo shows the doctor in his braw Volturn uniform, he being a Major in the Corps.

The interior of the City Hall will look prettier even than it does at present when the light effects play upon the scene. The Thistle, the Scottish emblem, the St. Andrew's colours and the clan crests are worked into a most effective scheme of decoration upstairs and the promise of cosy welcome held out by the log fire "blaze" at the end of the ever-green courtyard entrance is maintained throughout the scheme.

Supper Party.

The official supper party for the St. Andrew's Ball consists of the Chief (Dr. G. D. R. Black, who will preside), H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, Vice Admiral Sir E. Alexander-Sinclair, H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, Mr. J. B. Ross, Commodore A. J. B. Stirling, Sir Henry Gollan, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Sir Paul Chater, Rt. Rev. Bishop Duffhy, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, Messrs. W. A. Dowley, D. G. M. Bernard, J. W. C. Bonnar, R. M. Dyer, G. M. Young, R. Sutherland, J. Reid, D. Templeton, D. Gow, B. Wylie, G. M. Shaw, A. Stevenson, also the following ladies:—Lady Clementi, Mrs. Black, Miss Stirling, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. J. B. Ross, Lady Pollock, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Murdoch, Mrs. Creasy, Mrs. Templeton, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. E. A. Ram, Mrs. A. K. Henderson, Mrs. G. M. Shaw, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Shields, Mrs. Walter Lang, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Duffhy, Mrs. George Duan, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Logan and Mrs. Gow.

State Lancers.

State Lancers will be:—The Chief and Lady Clementi, Sir Henry Gollan and Lady Pollock, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax and Mrs. Creasy, Major-General Luard and Mrs. Black, Sir H. Pollock and Mrs. J. B. Ross, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy and Miss Stirling, Mr. J. Reid and Mrs. Sutherland, Commodore Stirling and Mrs. Reid.

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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2 1/4 5/16.

SETTLED!

CANTON CUSTOMS INCIDENT CLOSED.

GOODS SURRENDERED.

Reuter announces that the Customs incident at Canton has been closed by the surrender of the goods seized by the strikers, and the issue of a Proclamation that all formalities must be observed.

Permits to load and discharge cargoes will be issued to-day. Before the foregoing "announcement" came to hand Reuter reported:

Only the import of rice is permitted at Canton and Whampoa. Over fifty steamers are idle. The Red boycott picket surrendered ten cargo vessels to the Chinese Maritime Customs, but much of the cargo was disposed of. It is reported that one foreign firm paid \$12,000 to obtain the release of steamer cargo seized by the armed pickets. Pending action by the Canton Government the boycott pickets formed an examination depot intended to deal with goods after their release by the Chinese Maritime Customs, so the depredations of foreign goods are sure to continue.

Our Forecast Correct.

The settlement of the dispute to-day was forecasted in these columns on Wednesday when we stated:

There is more than a possibility that shipping will be admitted into Canton and Whampoa harbours again on Friday.

From a very good source it is gathered that steps are being taken which will result in the former position being restored. How this is to be accomplished has not been divulged. One surmise is that the request of the Canton Customs (for the return of cargo belonging to nationals of five Powers, seized by armed boycott pickets) will be complied with.

Although there is nothing definite, firms interested are making quiet moves in preparation for the re-opening of the port. In regard to the terms of settlement it was also stated in these columns yesterday:

Rumours that in early, if not immediate, settlement of the present dispute, are given colour to by a statement that the Canton Government has given three undertakings, viz:—

To instruct the Strike (or Boycott) committee immediately to return the eight cargo vessels detained.

To supply vessels to protect cargo and thus ensure its reaching the Customs for examination. In future pickets will not be allowed to interfere with any cargo, whether for import or export, until such cargo has been duly passed by the Customs and revenue is paid. [This is supported by the report that after passing through the Customs merchandise will have to be examined by the "joint labour and mercantile" examination bureau.]

Another story which has come down by mail is that in compliance with the Canton Government's request, the Boycott Committee sent back eight lighters (believed to be the last to be seized) with a remark that it was not known if the Customs referred specifically to that lot of cargo.

Sailing To-morrow.

No steamer was despatched by the Steamboat Co. this morning apparently owing to the late hour at which the news was received. The s.s. "Lungshan" will leave to-morrow at 8 a.m. (as usual) and the "Fatshan" (owned by the China Navigation Co. and operated in conjunction with the other ships) sails at the same time on Monday. There will be no departure on Sunday.

News from Canton is that while the Government were negotiating with the Customs, the routine at the new examination depot was being proceeded with. From the same source it is gathered that the policy to be followed will be one of complete non-obstruction of the Customs, with unqualified insistence that all merchandise must pass through this depot established jointly by the merchants and the Boycott Committee. Should such be the case, full revenue will have to be paid to the Customs, after which cargo must be submitted to the big matched on the West Bund where the "officials" on duty will carry out their examination. This matched is outside the Tung On S.S. Co.'s wharf, close to the Steamboat Co.'s wharves, and the main Customs House.

TWO TOGETHER.

IMPORTANT MARINE INQUIRY.

BIG COURT GATHERING.

All available seating accommodation at the Marine Court (in the Harbour Office) was taken up this morning when the inquiry opened into the circumstances attending the stranding of the China Navigation s.s. "Hunan" in the Hainan Straits and the running ashore of the s.s. "Kweiyang" while attempting to tow the other off.

Captain T. T. Laurensen (local secretary, China Coast Officers' Guild) was an early arrival and Captain R. Innes (marine superintendent for Messrs. B. & S.) was present as were two Royal Naval Lieutenants and about twenty coastal shipping men. Space was so taxed that a group stood at the very door while one enterprising gentleman contented himself with an unobstructed view from behind the grille of the dock. What with the poorest acoustic arrangements and the noise of the traffic in the street below, little could be heard in the body of the Court.

It was decided to take the two cases simultaneously. No. 2000 "master" was enrolled on the Court, the three mercantile marine captains being all "coastal" men who know the waters.

The Personnel.

Lieut.-Com. G. F. Hole, R.N. (Harbour Master), presided. Other members of the Court were:—Lieut.-Com. L. G. Addington, R.N., D.S.C. (H.M.S. "Despatch"), Captain E. Holmes (s.s. "Telemaachus"), Captain F. R. G. Curming (s.s. "Mauwang"), Captain E. Walker (s.s. "Hainan").

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones (instructed by the Imperial Merchant Service Guild) appeared for Captain W. G. McKenzie of the s.s. "Hunan."

Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask appeared on the instructions of the China Coast Officers' Guild to watch the case for Mr. Jones (second officer of the "Hunan") and appeared for all the officers of the "Hunan" and master and officers of the "Kweiyang."

In the witness-box Captain McKenzie gave technical evidence as to his departure from Haiphong (for Shanghai) at 6 a.m. on January 30. By 4 a.m. on February 1, he should have been at Ping Mai Point (speed 7 knots) when he expected a set to north of at least 4 to 5 miles. At 4.05 a.m. witness was on the bridge. A bearing was not logged but was made at 4.45 a.m. The course should have taken the "Hunan" through the middle of the channel between the bank mentioned in sailing directions and Hainan Island. Up to 6.45 on the morning of February 1, visibility was fairly good; by 7 a.m. a light haze had fallen shorewards. At 7.20 a.m. the ship grounded—course N. 75 E., speed 8 knots. "Full speed astern" was put on. The second officer was also on the bridge. In a minute the ship freed herself while the second officer had been sent forward to get soundings on the starboard (inshore) side. The ship gathered sternway. Witness attempted to swing to stern to north or west and back out. His vessel was of "single screw, right hand turn." The easterly current was setting N.E. to E.N.E. High water was at 6.30 a.m.

After Grounding.

Captain McKenzie at this stage told the Court that he had been through the Straits at least 55 times (including 12 as master).

After putting on full speed astern for 20 minutes (7.48 a.m.) witness sent the engines full ahead. In half a minute the ship had lost her sternway and grounded again on the starboard side. Engines were worked ahead and astern till 8.50 a.m. but the ship only moved a few feet and he could not get her off and he then rung off the engines.

Coal was then shifted from the deckhouse to the foremost bunker. The ship never made any water at all.

From 8 p.m. to midnight unsuccessful efforts were made to lay out a ledge, heavy seas swamping the lifeboats.

Between 5 and 6 a.m. on February 2, was high water. The engines were worked again but the ship did not move.

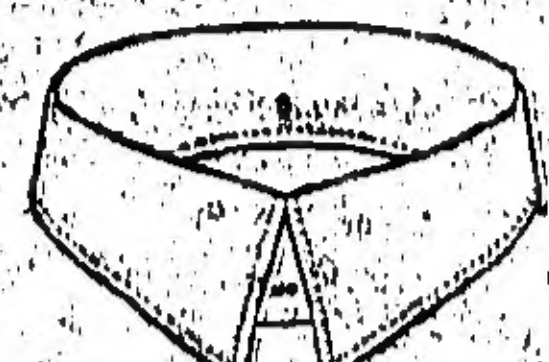
[Inquiry proceeding.]

There was another clean bill of health for Thursday.

A Lecture advertised on the syllabus of the Helens May Institute for March 3 is unavoidably cancelled.

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WHY THE DELAY?

NEW FIRE STATION BUILDING.

TIME MUST BE EXCEEDED.

The fifth quarterly report (ending December 31) on the new Fire Station building, laid before the Legislative Council this morning, reads:—

"The contractors for the new Fire Brigade Station have made satisfactory progress with the work during this quarter."

"The whole of the concrete work is now complete with the exception of the ground floor, courtyard and one or two minor items such as channels to verandahs, etc."

"Brickwork to all upper floors is practically complete and all the necessary bricks are on the site in readiness to complete the ground floor walls."

"The stonework is now nearing completion and the masons are at present engaged in laying the last course round the building."

"The door and window frames are being built in as the work proceeds and all window sashes and doors are at present stored on the job but cannot be hung until the ironmongery arrives from England."

"The non-delivery of this indent which was forwarded more than six months ago is very definitely and seriously retarding the progress of the work and therefore delaying the date of completion of the contract, which cannot now, under any circumstances, be completed within the stipulated time."

"The joiners are in readiness to lay the wood block floors to all offices but cannot do so until adequate protection can be obtained and all doors and windows shut."

"As stated above this cannot be provided until the ironmongery arrives from England."

SAYINGPUN SCHOOL.

"RECENT UNSETTLED LABOUR CONDITIONS."

BUILDING PROGRESS.

The fifth quarterly report (ending December 31) on the new Salingpun School building, laid before the Legislative Council this morning, reads:—

"Every endeavour has been made to recover from the delay and inconveniences occasioned by the recent unsettled labour conditions, and the building has reached a fairly satisfactory state of advancement."

"All roofs are completed, and the tower nearly so; the Shanghai plasterwork to external columns, etc., is finished, and the lavine block has been erected. Floor tiling to verandahs and crush halls is complete, also dado tiling to all class rooms. The ceilings to second floor rooms have been fixed and painted, and one coat of distemper has been applied to all class room walls. The staff entrance staircase is completed, most doors and windows are hung, and painting and staining generally is proceeding."

"Plasterwork to the assembly hall is progressing satisfactorily, the electric wiring is fairly well advanced, water service is being installed; the erection of granite portico to front entrance has been commenced and the swimming pool is being prepared to receive tiling. Some drains have been laid."

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NOTICES.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, the 15th February, to SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1926 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1926.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Company, Limited, on THURSDAY, the 4th March, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1925.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 25th February to 4th March, 1926, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, February 18, 1926.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on FRIDAY, 12th March, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1925, and electing Directors and Auditor.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st March to 12th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1926

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company St. George's Building, Chater Road Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY 17th March, 1926, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December 1925, and declaring a Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY 3rd March 1926, until WEDNESDAY 17th March 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 23, 1926.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY, (1918) LIMITED.

WITH reference to the Notice to the Shareholders of this Company dated 29th December, 1925, whereby the Final Call of \$1.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 4th March, 1926, instead of 4th January, 1926, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of this Call.

Notice is accordingly, hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 4th June, 1926, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 4th June, 1926.

For THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., (1918) LTD.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 25, 1926.

RACE HOLIDAYS

THE Exchange Banks will open for the transaction of Public Business at 9.30 a.m. on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd proximo, and close at 12 Noon.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1926.

March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

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Hongkong, February 12, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1926.

March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

Members have the privilege of introducing 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Bldgs. on or before SATURDAY, February 27th, 1926. Price \$10 per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,

Treasurers.

Hongkong, February 12, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1926.

March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

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Hongkong, February 12, 1926.

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March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Bldgs. No Servants will be allowed inside the Enclosure of the Race Course during Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS.

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C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, February 12, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1926.

March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready, and may be obtained by those Members, who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Bldgs.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings this year.

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, February 12, 1926.

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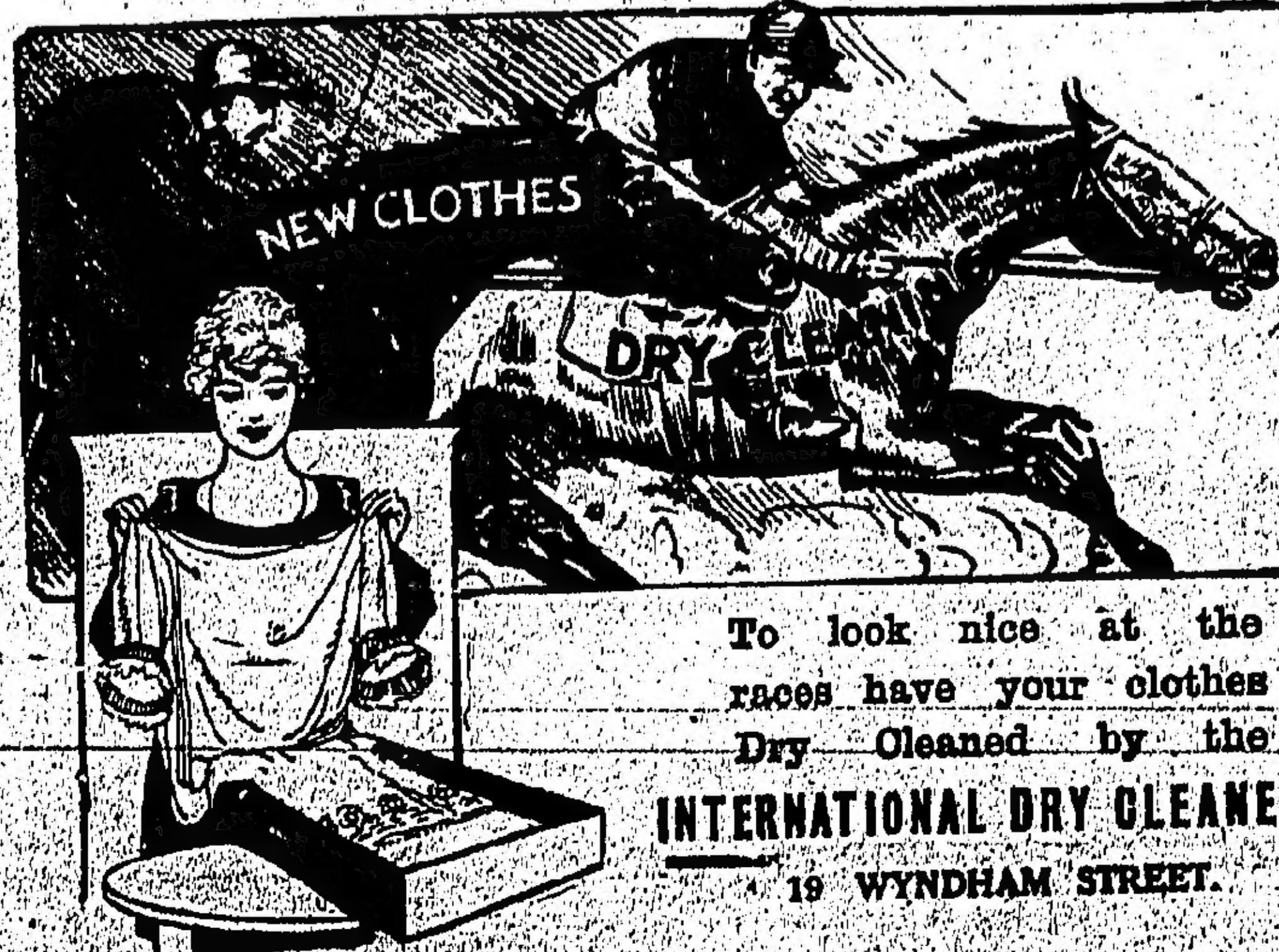
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ACTION BY TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

CHINA'S DEFAULT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, Feb. 25.

Reuter has received for publication the following statement regarding the Great Northern, Eastern Extension and Commercial Pacific Cable Companies: "For a prolonged time the Chinese Telegraph Administration's indebtedness to the Great Northern, Eastern Extension and Commercial Pacific Companies has been steadily increasing, owing to the Administration's failure to pay in full the cable charges for telegrams handed in at the China Inland Telegraph Office, and this has now reached a considerable amount."

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"These latter proportions are promptly paid by the said companies out of their own revenues. Although the companies have made every endeavour to come to some satisfactory arrangement with the Chinese Administration, so as to prevent any further increase of indebtedness, all efforts have failed, and as the Administration, at Shanghai lately, have been unable to settle their accounts with the companies, the latter have been reluctantly compelled, as from midnight on Wednesday, to refuse to accept further telegrams from the Administration, except Government telegrams, unless accompanied by cash."

"The inland places affected by this step are the offices at Chekiang, Kiangsu and other Yangtze provinces."

RESEARCH WORK.

HANDSOME ANONYMOUS GIFT.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 25.

A recent anonymous donation of 250,000 to the London Hospital for the endowment of research into the causes of disease will, it is understood, be devoted to paying salaries to the research workers so that men and women may have more opportunity of taking up research as a life work, and not simply as a stoppage until some more lucrative branch of medicine is opened to them.

LORD READING.

VACATING OFFICE IN APRIL.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 25.

Lord Reading, Viceroy of India, will hand over the duties of his office to his successor, Lord Irwin, on April 3, which will be the fifth anniversary of his assumption of the office.

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WHY NOT CHINA?

DEMANDS SEAT ON LEAGUE COUNCIL.

SWEDISH SUPPORT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Stockholm, Feb. 25.

The Dagbladet Myheter understands that China at the meeting of the League Assembly in March will demand a permanent seat on the Council if there is any question of giving permanent seats to other Powers than Germany.

The newspaper adds that China, in spite of present conditions, is a potential great Power, and, moreover, Asia is not properly represented on the Council.

OFFENSIVE WORDS.

BRITISH SUBJECTS' RISKS IN ITALY.

FINE AND IMPRISONMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 25.

In the House of Commons, Mr. T. Cape (Labourite, Workington) asked whether the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs was aware that William Ellison, a British subject employed in the chemical industry, had been sentenced in Florence to five months' imprisonment and a fine of £15 on a charge of using offensive words about Signor Mussolini; whether Ellison had been defended by counsel; and whether representations to mitigate the sentence could be made to the Italian authorities, seeing that this was the first case since the passing of the new Italian Act.

Captain H. Dixon (Conservative, Belfast East) said that Ellison was a reputable constituent of his.

Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson (Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs) replied that his information was confined to Press accounts, but the British Ambassador at Rome, Sir R. W. Graham, had been instructed to furnish a report.

BANK FAILURE.

DEFICIT OF FORTY MILLION FRANCES.

SIX ARRESTS MADE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Amsterdam, Feb. 25.

Four members of the staff of the Banque du Credit Foncier of Antwerp, have been arrested in connection with the suspension of payment.

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CHINA'S WARS.

COMBINED ATTACK ON TIENSIN.

POSITION AT NANKING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, Feb. 25.

A message from Tientsin is to the effect that finding Li Ching-ling advancing too rapidly, Chang Tsung-chang has resolved to go to the front to concentrate the Allied Forces, and then launch an attack on Tientsin.

At Nanking, although admittedly not friendly towards Chang Tsung-chang, there is no indication that Sun Chuan-fang's forces are moving Northwards.

At Hangchow the Civil Governor, Hsiao Chao, proceeded to Nanking to-day for a heart to heart talk with Sun with a view to dispelling the friction which has recently arisen. The result of this meeting may have a bearing on Sun's attitude to the North.

Ichang news is that Lu Chin-shan, whom Peking recently appointed Tupan of Hupah, went to Hankow on the 22nd instant. He will remain only a few weeks at Hankow, and does not intend to accept the Tupanship.

From Hankow comes a report that Lu Chin-shan arrived on the 24th. Lu some months ago volunteered to join Wu Pei-fu, but Hsiao Yao-nan has not permitted his relations with Wu Pei-fu to be sent to the Tupanship.

Chin Yung-peng left Tsingtao for Hankow at midnight on the 23rd via the Tsinanfu-Pukow railway. It is expected he will interview Sun Chuan-fang before going upriver.

Pi Shou-cheng, whom the Cabinet wished to appoint Tupan of Shan-tung, is closely co-operating with Chang Tsung-chang in movements against Tientsin.

EGYPT'S DAMS.

WATER FOR IRRIGATION IN SUMMER.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 25.

It is reported that the construction of the Gebel Aulia Dam, on the White Nile, is to be proceeded with forthwith. The proposed new dam will assure to Egypt a constant supply of water for irrigation in the summer.

The recently opened Makwar Dam, designed more for irrigating the Gezira Plain in the Soudan with the flood water of the Nile, which was hitherto wasted, is a sister dam of the Gebel Aulia, which will release about the same quantity of water for Egyptian irrigation work.

It is anticipated that the amount spent on the new works will amount to about 26,000,000, but subsidiary projects in connection with the scheme will probably result in an ultimate total expenditure of nearly double that amount. It is stated that the immediate constructional work contemplated, for which tenders will be invited next month, will take about three years to complete.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" is due here at 8 a.m. to-morrow and will berth at Pier 5, Kowloon Wharf. She will sail for Manila, P.I. at 7 p.m. to-morrow.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" arrived at Kobe yesterday at 8.30 a.m. left Kobe yesterday at 4 p.m. and is due at Yokohama to-day at 3 p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khyber" from Hongkong arrived Marseilles on Feb. 21 at 6 a.m.

The E. & A. s.s. "Tanda" left Mofei for this port on Feb. 24 at p.m. and is due here on March 1 at about p.m.

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Empress of Australia	Apr. 16	Apr. 19	Apr. 22	Apr. 24	May 5
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Empress of Canada	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 22	May 31
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"STODDERPOT"	8,384	18th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"KHIVA"	9,135	20th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MOREA"	10,819	23rd April	Marseilles and London
"DELTA"	8,697	13th April	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"DEVANHA"	8,155	17th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,144	21st April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	10,000	1st May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"KASHGAR"	8,005	15th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	29th May	Marseilles and London
"SHYBER"	8,114	18th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,902	28th June	Marseilles and London
"DELTA"	8,697	7th July	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	9,144	10th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"SHIRALA"	7,841	17th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TAKADA"	6,949	24th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"NAGINA"	6,551	12th April	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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"ARAFURA"	8,000	7th April	do
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"MOREA"	10,911	3th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"TAKADA"	6,949	10th Mar.	Moji & Kobe
"ARAFURA"	8,000	18th Mar.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"KALYAN"	9,144	18th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DEVANHA"	8,155	25th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DELTA"	8,697	25th Mar.	Shanghai and Kobe
"NAGINA"	6,551	24th Mar.	Kobe
"MACEDONIA"	11,000	2nd April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ST ALBANS"	4,500	10th April	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"KASHGAR"	8,005	18th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"RHYBER"	8,114	30th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TANDA"	6,958	3rd May	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
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Mar. 16-B. & A. Asia

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VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Engineer Company.

Musketry Course Part 1. will be
held at Stonecutters' Range on
Sunday, February 28, 1926.
Range Officer: Lieut. R. H.
Skelton.

Launch will leave Murray Pier
at 9.10 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier
at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform optional, but
rifles, bayonets and pouches must
be taken.

Arms: Will be drawn from Corps
Headquarters on Friday, February
26, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon,
or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.,
and on Saturday, February 27, be-
tween 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Armoured Car Company.

Miniature Range will be avail-
able for practice at 5.30 p.m. on
Monday, March 1.

Guns and Drivers as detailed
will fire from the Armoured and
Side Cam mounting on the Shek-O
Road on Sunday, March 7.

Dress: Shorts, puttees, belts,
tunics and helmets.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at
9 a.m.

Motor Cyclists will parade at
Corps Headquarters at 9 a.m. for
special scheme. Dress as above
with breeches.

Musketry Cup.

The Musketry Cup for the year
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Arms.

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ed to Corps Headquarters as soon
as possible.

Strength.

The following are taken on the
strength:-
No. 1024 Pte. B. S. Stephenson, M.C.
Co. as from February 18, 1926.

No. 1025 Pte. H. Lo, A.C. Co., as
from February 22, 1926.

Promotion.

No. 355 Corp'l A. W. Brown, No. 7
Platoon, to be Sergeant, as from
February 24, 1926.

Leave.

No. 62 Sergt. J. M. Smith, No. 6
Platoon, is granted 10 months'
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cember 31, 1926.

No. 118 Pte. G. H. M. Bannerman,
Reserve Co., is granted 8 months'
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ROBIN via SHANGHAI & MOI	KWANGSANG	Sat., 6th Mar., at Noon
STRATTA and CALCUTTA	HOBANG	Sat., 6th Mar., at 3 p.m.
SINGAT via SHANGHAI	KWONGSANG	Wed., 10th Mar., at Noon
STRATTA & CALCUTTA	LEBANG	Fri., 11th Mar., at 3 p.m.
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KAMAKURA MARU	Saturday, 27th February.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.	
PENANG MARU	Tuesday, 2nd March.
GENOA MARU	Saturday, 5th March.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.	
NAGANO MARU	Saturday, 8th March.
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NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
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SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
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WHERE IS IT?

In these rapidly moving days it seems comparative ages since a single word was heard of the Education Board. The usual stereotyped notice of the meetings has been mourned as a lost and cherished friend. The decisions of the Board have been an unknown quantity. Does it still function, or has its doom been proclaimed without an orthodox notification in the "Government Gazette"? Its affairs are certainly "wropt in mystery"—a mystery which may make some inquisitive persons (including newspaper folk) ask if the members of the Board have been spirited away or gracefully informed that their advisory services are no longer required by a once grateful Government? In the event of both parts of this query being answered in the negative, yet another interrogation obtrudes itself: "Where is it?"

Seriously, when meetings of the Board of Education were held and reports thereof were published in the Press, an incentive was undoubtedly given to the cause of education. The public generally was stimulated to evince a degree of interest in education that otherwise would have been lacking. In addition, the public was given an opportunity of appraising the worth of the work of the members of the Board in the interests of education in the Colony. Conversely, through the existence of the Board, the Government was given an excellent medium for the dissemination of its educational policy, thus creating and maintaining public confidence therein. As the Government is always ready to receive advice and suggestions proffered in regard to the health of the community from the Sanitary Board, so it used to be regarded as equally ready to hear the counsels of the Education Board. What has happened and

what is happening in the realm of education is a sealed letter. The Press would like to know. The public would like to know through the Press!

It may be, of course, that the questioner is "barking up the wrong tree"—that the Board has never actually been dissolved; that it would be still graciously permitted to function as of yore if meetings were convened, and that any misgivings created by the recent spell of silence are totally unfounded in substance and in fact. In such an event, a humble retraction of our leading question, "Where is it?" will be readily published in an equally conspicuous place of a future issue!

A LOVESOME THING.

A poet sings of his garden as—
The veriest school—
Of peace.

It is to him "a lovesome thing," with its

Rose plot,

Fringed pool,

Ferned grove—

His is the ideal garden of course—the one in which it is a delight to walk "when the eve is cool." There may be gardens like that in Hongkong—if not in actuality, then in the thoughts of those who delight to do "a little bit of gardening." The enthusiasts of the Hongkong Horticultural Society deserve well of the community. Year after year they show the blooms that have come to life as the result of patient and loving care. In this they encourage a love of the beautiful which is beyond all praise, and an incentive to an occupation or a hobby than which there are few better or more wholesome.

There may be adequate reasons to account for the fact that the Horticultural Society languishes for members and for general interest. Education, presumably is necessary. Town-dwellers—and the Colony possesses many who have been so—have probably had few opportunities of acquiring that knowledge so essential to successful gardening. If they possess a small plot it is generally in charge of a "Fah-wong" whose methods and manner admit of no dictation; he reigns supreme. Many of course are unmoved by blooms or are interested in any way. Another poet has sized up the representative, uninterested unmoved one. A primrose by the river's brink, a primrose was to him, and it was nothing more. And of course those who dwell in flats know not the delight of "turning over" either a garden or an allotment. Encouragement and education may be needed. The Horticultural Society, and some of its members have given both. There are these annual displays; and there is Mr. Nicholson's little booklet and those fruits of his

labours which are often seen at certain social functions. It is difficult to see how the Society can do more than it is doing. We trust Mr. Hornell's appeal to "all those interested in horticulture" will not fall on deaf ears. If it succeeds this week-end should be a busy one for numbers of us, for we shall be busy—adopting his delightful business phrase—"shroffing up" our gardens; or failing this, deciding soon to have a garden even if it falls far short of the poetic ideal—and becoming exhibitors.

YOUR NAME IN?

HONGKONG JURY LISTS
THIS YEAR.

THE "SPECIAL" NAMES.

The Jurors List for 1926 was laid on the table at this morning's meeting of the Legislative Council.

It makes quite a bulky publication. Those who are exempted by the judiciary (apparently for previous "long service") have asterisks against their names.

The list of special jurymen is:—

J. Arnold, T. Arthur.

A. H. Barlow, W. H. Bell, H. S.

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The Committee will sit weekly and consider applications received during the previous week.

STUDY CIRCLES.

CORRECTED KOWLOON
DATES.

Owing to an error in the letter announcing dates of the Lenten Study circles to be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall (Kowloon), the meetings have been given as taking place a week later than they actually are.

It should be noted that the study circles commence this coming Tuesday (March 2) and continue on each succeeding Tuesday until the 23rd.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak will present the prizes at the Central British School on Friday, March 5, at 5.30 p.m.

The following have been selected to represent the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI in the league match against Kowloon to-morrow at Kowloon:—W. W. Mackenzie (Capt.), M. M. Watson, H. C. Burgess, T. D. E. Penfold, A. K. Mackenzie, H. Griffin, C. B. Vallack, P. Jacks, W. Brackenridge, D. A. Rushton, H. J. Armstrong.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

Mr. Winston Churchill recently made a Fourfold chill recently made Assurance. the House of Commons laugh by saying: "Shortly, very shortly, at an early date, quite soon." Another politician, many years ago, pronounced: "This honour.... will be the most honourable honour that can be conferred."

When did shingling Shingling in first come into 1662? operation? The possessor of a book published in 1880, calls the following from it:—

Long flaxen hair was bought from the head at 10s. the ounce and any other fine hair at 5s. or 7s. the ounce in 1662. With in the present century the heads of hair of whole families in Devonshire were let out by the year at so much rent per poll. An Exeter perwig maker went round periodically, cut the locks and oiled the mummuli of each thus left in stubble.

The Oxford Vice-Chancellor's hint that less coffee-drinking among

undergraduates would be desirable is mildness itself compared with the edict issued by Frederick the Great in 1779 regarding "the increased consumption of coffee by my subjects and the amount of money which goes out of the country in consequence." "Every one was drinking coffee," he declared, and "this must no longer be. My subjects must drink beer. His Majesty was brought up on beer, and so were his ancestors. Innumerable battles have been fought and won by soldiers nourished on beer, and the King does not believe that coffee-drinking soldiers can be depended upon to endure hardship and conquer his enemies." To combat this "evil," the edict went on to proclaim coffee-roasting a State monopoly, and to fix a prohibitive price for the berries. "Coffee-smellers" were appointed all over Prussia to check illicit roasting, and did their work so well that within a short time the beverage fell entirely out of favour.

The shortest sermon is said to be the one the celebrated Dean Swift preached. He is said to have given as text, "He who giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord," and continued: "Dear Brethren, if you like the security, down with the dust." He then closed the Bible. It was a charitable appeal which obtained a good response.

To me, writes, a Port in The padre, seated one North. night at my first Masonic Harmony, there came the Master of Ceremonies with his henchman, who filled each flowing bowl with the country being Scotland—whisky. They passed me by with the remark, "The teetotal drink will be here in a minute." It was—port! I felt rather funny, but not as funny as a brother cleric who, while enjoying his usual glass of milk at a farmhouse where he was wont to visit, overheard the eldest son say to his mother, "If you man hadna been a minister he'd have made a grand sookin' calf!"

Motor-Boosters motorcar owners with those who belong to Angling Clubs or who go down to the sea to fish? The idea is suggested by an extract from Mr. Aldous Huxley's latest book.

The spiritual effects of being a car-owner are not, I notice, entirely beneficial. Introspection and the conversation of other motorists have shown me, indeed, that car-owning may have the worst effect on the character. To begin with, every car-owner is a liar. He cannot tell the truth about his machine. He exaggerates his speed, the number of miles he goes to the gulf of petrol, his prowess as a hill climber. In the heat of conversation I myself have erred in this respect more than once; and even coolly, with malice aforethought, I have given utterance on this subject to frigid and calculated lies. They do not weigh very heavily on my conscience. I am no casuist, but it seems to me that a lie which one tells, expecting nobody to believe it, is venial. The motorist, like the fisherman, never really supposes that his vaunts will be believed.

THEOSOPHY.

"THE WISDOM OF THE
ETERNAL."

At this week's public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge The Theosophical Society on Thursday, an address was given by Mr. H. E. Lanepart on "The Wisdom of the Eternal." He said in brief:—

The central truth of the Upanishads, the ancient Hindu scriptures, is the identity of the Universal and the Individual Immortal Self. The goal of all wisdom, of all devotion, of all right activity is for the disciple to consciously enter into its full realisation; then the illusion of separateness will vanish forever, the Divine, the only true Self, having become one with the Life of the Universe, the Creator. It is the law of nature that man can know only that to which there is a response within him and it is because man is essentially divine that he can know God through the unfolding, the awakening of his divine true Self. The value of the Hindu God Idea is to show that God is to be found not by means of any objective use of the mind, not by all the arguments that are used in the West to prove the existence of God, but by penetrating all the mental strata with which mankind's civilising processes have overlaid man's diviner nature. It is the unfolding of the consciousness within that leads to the knowledge of God. Liberation or Salvation as they call it in the West, is not to be obtained if it is ours already because man is divine, only he knows it not so long as he subjects to the illusion of the blinding matter of his bodies of action; of sensation, of concrete thought as being he himself. Man has only to destroy the obstacles that prevent him from realising his own divinity; he has only to overcome the illusion of his separateness from the One, the Supreme Self, the Logos, to consciously enter the fullness of his divine birth-right. The Hindu scriptures teach us the Wisdom of the Eternal, the Science of Yoga, or Liberation through Union with the God in Man. The Hindu proclaims that not by works liberation is ever gained but by the calm of the senses he beholds the Majesty of the Self. Religious books should never be the groundwork of our faith, as books however sacred are but the fruitage of

of the Immortal Self. Criticism can tear the books to pieces yet it cannot touch the Self, the only knower who is within us. In these days of our modern world when the mortal self often triumphs over the higher Self the Knowledge of the Eternal which was given out to mankind at the beginning of the Aryan Root Race, we should strive to understand the profound wisdom contained in the ancient Hindu scriptures, to learn something of the all-pervading Truth, and train our restless mortal minds into harmony with this profound knowledge of the Eternal and pray that the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world may shine from within us and without us that we too may see and know. We read in the Hindu Sacred Scriptures:—Know that which existeth not by the voice, but that by which the voice existeth. That know thou as Brahman. That which thinketh not with the mind, but by which the mind thinketh. That know thou as Brahman, not this which is worshipped as this. That which seeth not by the eye, but by which the eye seeth. That know thou as Brahman. That which heareth not by the ear, but by which the ear heareth. That know thou as Brahman. That which liveth not by the life, but by which the life liveth. That know thou as Brahman, not this which is worshipped as this. The three Paths leading to liberation through Union with the Supreme, have been explained for us in that most beautiful and most widely spread of Indian Scriptures, the Song of the Lord, the Discourse of Sri Krishna—"The Bhagavad Gita." There it is that the Paths—the three Margas as they are called in the Indian Philosophy—that of Karma or Action, that of Ynana or Wisdom, and that of Bhakti, or Devotion are shown as finally blending into one, the man reaching perfection, liberation through one is wanting in none of the qualities which have been developed along any of the three Paths. Let men travel along one or the other, they all seek the Union with the One Self, whether by Action, by Wisdom or by Devotion, and those who seek shall surely find Him, for the Self of All is One, and the goal of the Paths is the same. Said Sri Krishna:—On whatever Road men approach Me on that road do I welcome them for all roads are mine. Contribute

AIR ESTIMATES.

FOUR MAIN REQUIREMENTS OF BRITAIN.

HOME DEFENCE VITAL.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 25.
In the House of Commons Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for Air, introduced the Air Estimates for next financial year. He said that these were not markedly different from those of last year. There was a net addition of about half a million sterling and against that a gross reduction of about the same amount. One of the chief factors in that reduction of gross Estimates was a saving of nearly £350,000 in the cost of defence in Iraq and Palestine, resulting partly from the visit which he had paid to the Middle East a year ago, but still more from the efficiency of the air command under Vice-Marshal Sir John Higgins and the civil administration under Sir Henry Dobbs. The small net increase in the Estimates was explained by new developments and the additional squadrons recently formed. The increase must have been greater but for the rigid economies practised. He claimed that the balance had been held not unsuccessfully between the urgent need for air development and the insistent demand for public economy.

People of the Air.
The four main requirements of the British Air Force were Home defence, Imperial defence, the Air requirements of the Army and Navy, and fourthly, the development of civil aviation and the task of helping the British people to the utmost to become a people of the air.

The paramount duty was Home defence—a duty recognised by successive Governments in sanctioning a Home defence force of 52 squadrons. To-day 25 of these squadrons were already formed, and three more would be added in the course of the financial year. Thus, whilst in 1922 there were only three squadrons available for Home defence, at the end of 1927 there would be 28. We were to-day, setting aside Russia, the second greatest air power in the world but we were still in an inferiority of power less than one to two as compared with the total strength of our nearest neighbour.

Air Attack Menace.
Sir Samuel Hoare emphasised the vulnerability of this country to air attack, and said that there was to-day no question of underestimating this weakness or of scrapping our programme for dealing with it. Our programme of Home defence, which was accepted by Government after Government, remained intact.

The only question was whether we were justified in spreading the expenditure over a rather longer period than was originally intended. This had been a difficult question for the Government to decide. On the one hand there was an urgent need to build up as quickly as possible adequate Home defence. On the other hand there was an urgent need to avoid a heavy rise in the Estimates of any Department. In addition there was the new phase of international politics created by the signing of the Locarno Treaty. The pact against aggression signed by the Western Powers must at the very lowest estimate make less likely the possibility of war during the next few years, and to that extent justified the slower process of completion of the defence programme.

The Government had weighed those considerations, and had come to the conclusion that on the balance it was justifiable to spread the expenditure over a longer period, at the same time holding itself perfectly free to speed up the completion of the programme if the international situation, contrary to present expectations, necessitated it. He thought that, from certain viewpoints, the short-period for consolidating the air structure would not be regretted.

Markets Abroad.
Sir Samuel Hoare, continuing, said that he proposed to take definite and practical steps to help the air-craft industry to obtain markets abroad. The Air Ministry regulations had in the past made it impossible for firms to sell abroad, any but practically obsolete types. It was now possible considerably to relax these regulations. A substantial advantage should accrue to the British air-craft industry if its machines and

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STRIKE SEQUEL.

COAL DEALERS FACED WITH BANKRUPTCY.

TRUCKS TIED UP.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Feb. 25.
The New York Times says that one result of the settlement of the anthracite coal strike is that many coal dealers are faced with bankruptcy in consequence of a sensational decline in hard coal substitutes, of which they stocked 700,000 tons.
There are also 12,000 trucks of soft coal coke in railway yards, and with the bottom out of the market the railways fear that the trucks will be tied up indefinitely, making it impossible to remove the anthracite ex-mines, and thereby causing possible enforced idleness of the miners.

SHIPPING MISHAP.

BOLTON LEAVES BREST AFTER FIRE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Brest, Feb. 25.
The steamer Bolton, which arrived here with a fire in her hold, and was beached, has left for Amsterdam, the outbreak having been extinguished a couple of days ago.

engines, than which there were no better in the world, could find large markets abroad.

Empire Air Routes.
Turning to the important question of Empire air routes, Sir Samuel Hoare said that the aeroplane service from Egypt to Karachi, in India, would actually start next year with the most up-to-date engine machines, saving five days as compared with the existing methods of transport. He believed that, once this first step was taken, an extension would spring up and step by step the air line would be created between London and Bombay.

Airship Expansion.
The Ministry looked forward also to a substantial advance being made with the programme of airships during the next twelve months. This was of vital importance for the Empire communications, and defence, and in his view airships should, before the normal life of the present Parliament came to an end, have brought London and Bombay nearer together than were London and Edinburgh a century ago.

Air Knowledge.
In conclusion, Sir S. Hoare dwelt upon what he declared to be the most important objective of the Air Ministry, namely, an expansion of air knowledge and air practice among the people. He told how the Ministry was working in three directions. Firstly, it was working in industrial centres. This experiment was developing satisfactorily. Secondly, it was bringing the air programme into much closer contact with the science of the country, and particularly with science at the Universities. Thirdly, it was attempting to bring aviation within reach of the ordinary citizen. With this object five Light Aeroplane Clubs had been started, with a membership of 1,000 already, and he believed that this movement would greatly extend.

"THE FLAPPER."

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 25.
In the course of his speech in presenting the Air Estimates, Sir Samuel Hoare referred to the creation of auxiliary and special reserve squadrons near great industrial centres which, in the case of London, Edinburgh, and Glasgow, were developing satisfactorily. The closer contact of the air programme with science was outwardly expressed in the two new squadrons at Oxford and Cambridge.

As regards the present aeronautical problems, Sir S. Hoare remarked that as the result of the trials of the new auto-gyro, "The Flapper of the Air," machines were being built to test its possibilities for civil and military purposes.

A Great Claim.

In winding up the debate on the Air Force Estimates, Sir Samuel Hoare promised to communicate to the Prime Minister the weighty arguments from all parts of the House in favour of a centralised Ministry of Defence. Meantime he hoped to foster the closest co-operation among the three Chiefs of Staff. He frankly claimed that the British air force was the most efficient in the world to-day, flying twice the number of hours of any other, not excluding France, which had the biggest air force in the world.
The Estimates were agreed to without a division.

LOCARNO PACT.

FRENCH FRIENDSHIP FOR BRITAIN.

WAR EFFORT RECALLED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Feb. 25.
In the Chamber of Deputies the debate on the Locarno Agreements were appropriately marked by most friendly utterances toward Britain.

M. Boncour, in opening the proceedings, drew applause from all sides in reminiscences declaring that in the event of a violation of neutrality guaranteed by Great Britain, the latter had intervened with unsuspected forces. Discordant strings were harped by the Communist, M. Cachin, who spoke of the Imperialist British policy of a group of European nations against the Soviets, also by Colonel Fabry, who criticised the lack of precision in defining Great Britain's obligations. He said that the agreement was full of loopholes.

M. Briand jumped up and warmly asked: "When a country like Great Britain placed all her sea, land, and air forces at the service of the cause, did that mean nothing?" He added: "The agreement assures that Great Britain will stand by France like Italy, Czechoslovakia, and Poland. If we had that in 1914 we should not have had a war."
The debate was adjourned.

GREAT TORNADO.

TWENTY-FIVE HOUSES WRECKED.

SIX PERSONS KILLED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Memphis, Feb. 25.
At least six persons have been killed and many injured by a tornado which swept over the Mississippi River from Arkansas last night.
The destruction of property was heavy. Twenty-five houses were wrecked near Greenville, Mississippi. Plantations in the path of the storm, which passed over Tennessee and Kentucky, were severely damaged.

FATAL STUNT.

ENQUIRY TO BE OPENED IN PARIS.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Feb. 25.
An enquiry has been opened to discover the persons who encouraged the airman, M. Collet, in his fatal stunt at Eiffel Tower and they will be charged with manslaughter.



HARRY V. COWAN.
Harry V. Cowan, who admitted killing Miss Edith Burton, a choir singer, is fighting for life after shooting himself. A letter found in his home warned a former U.S. Senator to stay away from Miss Burton.

The weather forecast until noon to-morrow is N.E. winds, moderate; overcast, foggy.

Two Chinese prisoners sentenced to terms of two and five years at the Criminal Sessions were brought before the Central Magistrate this morning on minor charges of possession of implements of an unlawful nature. The charges were withdrawn.

The following team has been selected to represent Kowloon F.C. versus B.A. in the league on Saturday at the Kowloon ground, kick-off 4 p.m.:—Rasmussen, Wheeler, Read, Turner, Sims, McKelvie (capt.), Taylor, McBride, Linker, Cavell, Sibbey.

RUSSIA'S DEBT.

CONFERENCE OPENS IN PARIS.

BOND HOLDERS' RIGHTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Feb. 25.
M. Briand, Premier, opened the Franco-Russian Debt Conference at the Quai d'Orsay, (Foreign Office). He insisted at the outset that the conference implied a solemn undertaking by the parties represented to adhere to the principle of non-intervention.

M. De Monzie, head of the French delegation, said that the latter had not abandoned the defence of the rights of the small French holders of Russian Bonds, but it was ready to discuss a method of liquidating past liabilities. He added that France hoped for a speedy development of private trade between the two countries.

M. Rakovsky (Russia) said that the difference in the institutions and laws of the two countries did not render impossible solutions reconciling their interests. He desired to find a solution satisfactory to the small Bond holders.

DEATH IN CHAPEL.

STATESMAN'S WIFE FALLS ON FLOOR.

PATHETIC INCIDENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Brussels, Feb. 25.
Overcome by emotion during the ceremony of her daughter taking the veil at Douvres near Caen, Madame Aloys Van de Vyvere collapsed on the floor of the convent chapel and died immediately. She was accompanied by her husband who yesterday severed his long connection with the Belgian Cabinet by resigning from the Ministry of Agriculture.

His departure was widely regretted because M. Van de Vyvere was a valuable link between the Conservative and Democratic sections of the Catholic group, and contributed stability to several Governments in times of crisis.

DATE FIXED.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 25.
In the House of Commons, the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, announced that a meeting of the Imperial Conference had been arranged for October. He hoped that all the Dominions Prime Ministers, and also a representative of India, would be present.

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TO-NIGHT'S BALL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

An Exhibition Dance.
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The General Committee of the Society appointed the following Committees to carry through the work connected with the Ball:

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A report made by a Chinese farmer of Shataukok on Wednesday that he found his nephew dead with a gash on the right side of his chest proved on investigation by the police to be an accidental death.

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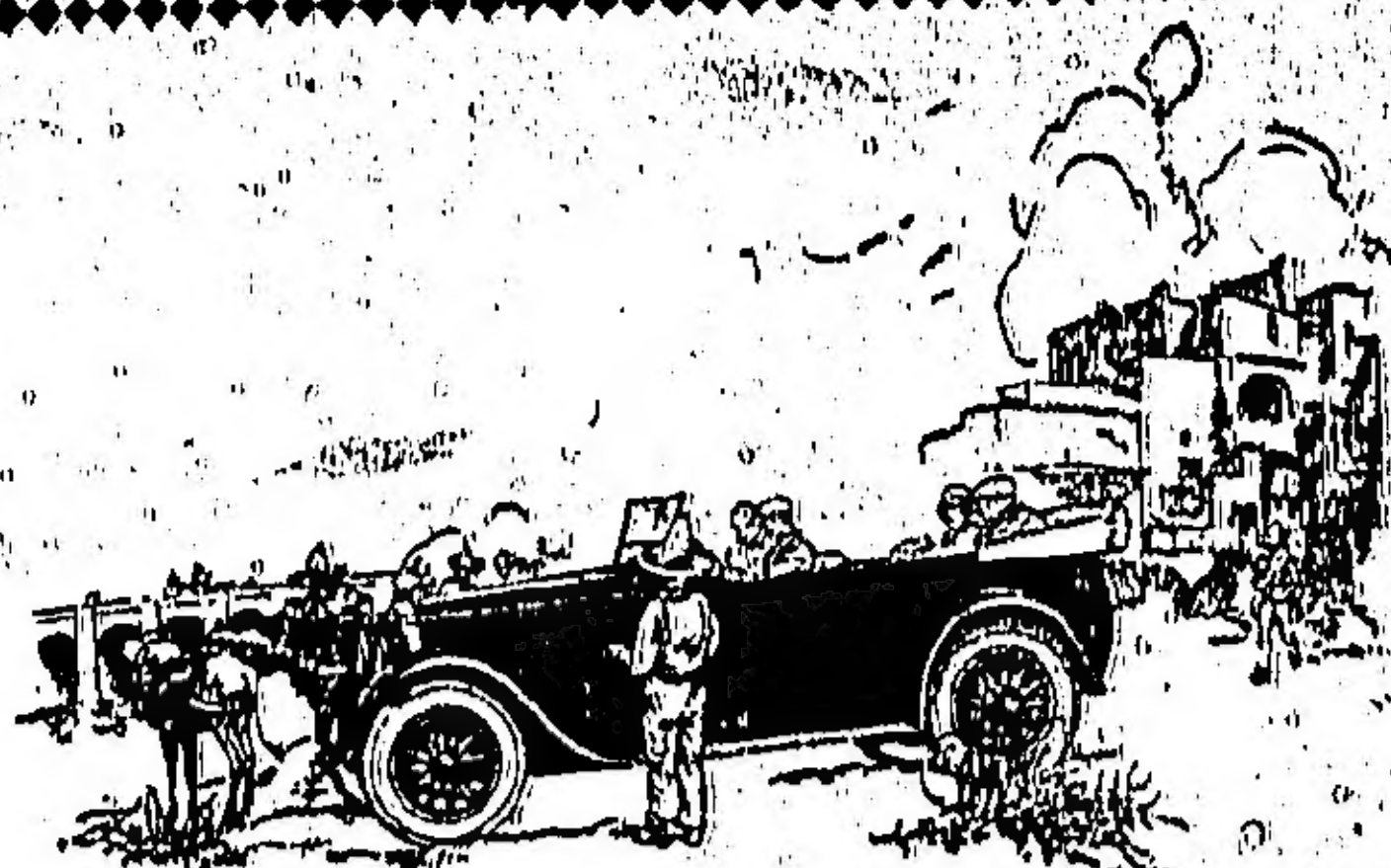
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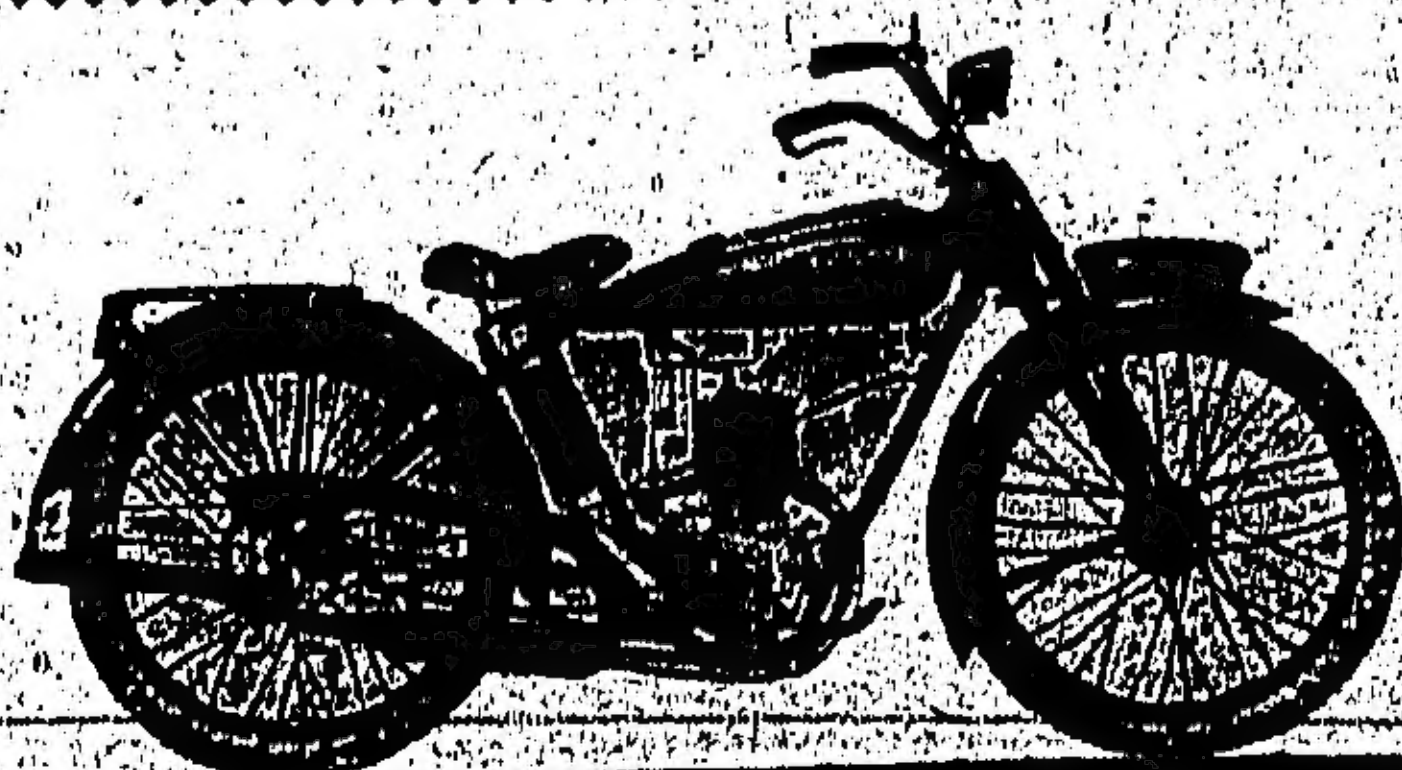
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The annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held at noon to-morrow at the City Hall. A full report will be inserted in the "China Mail's" subscribers' edition for to-morrow.

Owing to circumstances over which the Committee have no control, it has been decided not to hold the Annual Dinner of the St. David's Society this year. Members are requested to meet at the Cenotaph at 10.30 a.m. on March 1.

A money changer of Leichikok Road, Shamshuipo, received a serious bullet wound in his abdomen last night during an attempted murder by an unknown Chinese who escaped after firing a shot through the bars of the counter. The motive is believed to be one of revenge.

That there were no signs of drowning and death was due to concussion and cerebral haemorrhage was the medical opinion given at an inquiry at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday into the death of a boatwoman whose body was found in the harbour. The jury returned a verdict of murder by some person or persons unknown.

Correspondence having arisen in the "Observer" regarding a review of a new edition of Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe," James Cameron writes:—Many readers of their boyhood where Defoe obtained his Russian and Chinese information. I believe it must have been obtained from the books of "Mr. Bell, of Antwerp," in Ayrshire. Mr. Bell, a Scottish gentleman, was in the service of Peter the Great as Ambassador's Physician on the Embassy to the "Bogdan Khan," the "Mantzu" Emperor of China at Peking. He obtained the post of "Physician," which was purely nominal, at the instance of Peter's Physician, a fellow Scottish gentleman. The incidents of the journey to Peking are of great interest, and Defoe's story fits in well as having been taken from Mr. Bell.

On Wednesday the Colony had a clean bill of health.

A special tribunal at Calcutta on January 22 sentenced an Indian to 18 months' rigorous imprisonment for importing pistols and revolvers from Rangoon and Singapore.

The Exchange Banks will open for the transaction of Public Business at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd proximo, and close at 12 Noon.

It is proposed by the Government at Macao to hold a big industrial fair there shortly, which will be divided into four sections, and conducted on similar lines to the Hanoi Fair.

The photograph of a poster of a little boy gazing up at the great "King Arthur" engine at Waterloo Station has had a widespread appeal, requests for copies having reached the Southern Railway from Hongkong, Vladivostok and many other remote parts of the world. The company have decided to issue the poster annually in the spring.

During the recent copyright suit in England over the rights to W. H. Hudson's "The Purple Land That England Lost" some interesting history of that now-famous volume came to light. An employee of Sampson Low, Marston, Searle and Rivington, publishers of the book in 1885, said on the stand that an agreement was made with Mr. Hudson under the terms of which the publishers were to bring out the book, assuming all the risks. It was first published in a two-volume edition at 21s., later at 12s., and then at 6s., but the reductions in price did not help the sale, and 150 copies of the 500 printed were remaindered. The firm lost about £30 on the book, the amount spent in advertising. First editions of "The Purple Land" are now worth about 25s., and most of them, it was said at the trial, are in the hands of American collectors.

Sums deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank during last year totalled \$31,056,397, and at the close of the year the balance due to all depositors was \$280,373,439.

In the first 12 days of this month, 1,400 dogs were destroyed at the people's dispensaries for sick animals in London, which exceeded the total (1,100) for the whole of December.

The Earl of Birkenhead, as Secretary of State for India, has received \$1,000 from an anonymous donor, "Shinawar," as a contribution towards the debt incurred by the Government of India during the Great War.

His Royal Highness the Rajah of Sarawak, entrusted Messrs. James Pollock, Sons and Co., Ltd., of Faversham, with the building of a new yacht and passenger vessel, the "Maimunah," which the firm launched towards the end of October. The vessel is built to the Rajah's own designs. The ceremony of christening the vessel was graciously undertaken by the Rance Margaret of Sarawak.

The conductresses on the Tokio buses are protesting against the "cruelty" of police officers who board the buses without paying their fares and call the conductress down if she is not the personification of politeness. The protest has evidently created some interest, because one of the officials of the Metropolitan Police Board says that the police regulations stipulate that a policeman shall not ride on the trams or buses without paying his fare, unless he is actually on duty regulating traffic. The official referred to says he is absolutely opposed to plain clothes police getting free rides. Presumably the rules are the same in this part of the country, but it is very noticeable that the police when they board a car never sit down if there are other passengers standing and always seem at pains to cause passengers and drivers as little inconvenience as they can.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A dance will be held by the Craigenower Cricket Club at 9 p.m. to-morrow.

Mrs. Elias van Castricum has been appointed Recording Secretary of the Kobe Women's Club owing to the resignation of Miss Grace McGregor.

H.H.H. Prince Chiehfu was taken ill in Switzerland, whither he had gone with a party to climb the Alps. The doctors were called in immediately and the trouble was diagnosed as measles. There is no need of anxiety regarding the condition of the Prince.

Mr. Ban Teong Hoe has returned to rejoin the staff of the Anglo-Chinese School, Penang, after graduating B.A. at the University of Hongkong. He is recommended for the University Diploma in Education, and is also the holder of Senior Normal Certificate.

The marriage is to take place this month of Edward J. Nathan, O.B.E., B.A. (Cantab.), of Tientsin, North China, eldest son of Colonel Sir Frederic L. Nathan, K.B.E., and Lady Nathan, 37, Cornwall Gardens, S.W. 7, to Isabel Mitchell Macphail, M.A., of Médaille des Epidémies and Serbian Cross of Charity, youngest daughter of Donald Macphail, M.D., late of Cambridge, Cadzow Lodge, Hamilton, Lanarkshire.

Mrs. A. W. Stanford, of the American Board Mission, has left Kobe after forty years' work in Kobe. Her work was chiefly educational, and since her return to Japan after the death of her husband, the Rev. Dr. A. W. Stanford, she has been attached to the Biblewomen's School in Nakayamate-dori. Mrs. Stanford expects to stay in Los Angeles for a time, and will perhaps settle there for her retirement.

Mr. C. L. Watson met with a nasty accident the other evening on returning from the Sports Club, Bangkok. He was in a five-seater Essex car and collided with the red lamp placed where Hun Lampong Suriwongse and Sports Club roads meet, the car apparently swerving into a tree by the road fronting the Chulalongkorn Hospital. The car was severely damaged. A leak was also started in the petrol tank located in the rear of the car. Mr. Watson was thrown against the wind screen and received a nasty laceration on the forehead, which necessitated his receiving medical attention.

News has been received in Kobe of the engagement of Miss Doris Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cooper, to Mr. Cecil Roberts, of Malacca, Straits Settlements.

The Rev. Daniel Sundrum, who went to China on an evangelistic mission about nine months ago, has returned to Singapore. After visiting and preaching in Shanghai, Foochow, Peking and several other sea-ports and inland towns, he has formed the opinion that the outlook for Christianity in that land is very bright and he thinks that men of the type of the China Inland missionary are highly respected there, notwithstanding the anti-foreign movement which in his view, is really a nationalist movement.

Mr. J. G. Hay, managing director of Guthrie and Co., Ltd., London, has returned from Sumatra and will continue his tour through Malaya, visiting a number of rubber and tin properties with which he and his company are associated. Mr. Hay is a director of Linggi Plantations, Ltd., United Sias Batang Ltd., Malacca Rubber Plantations, Ltd., Labu Rubber Co., Ltd., Cheviot Rubbers, Ltd., Malayan Tinfields, etc. Mr. Hay will subsequently visit British North Borneo.



Mrs. E. Lee Ching's wife of the Governor of Virginia, broke her arm and was overcome by smoke but succeeded in saving her son, Lee, Jr., when flames swept the Governor's mansion at Richmond.

News reaching Kobe states that Mr. J. K. Andrews, at one time with the International Banking Corporation there, is now on the staff of the Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York.

Mr. W. E. Reynell, one of the oldest foreign residents in Kobe has been elected an Honorary Member of the Kobe Club. This is the first honour of this kind, that has ever been conferred upon a member.

The library belonging to the late Dr. Baron Okuno, Vice-President of the Privy Council and President of Chuo University, Tokyo, has passed on to the University, together with a donation of ¥5,000, such having been designated in the deceased's will. The library comprises 10,000 foreign works and 20,000 Japanese.

Captain and Mrs. L. B. Jacobs announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, to Lieutenant Kirtley Jameson Gregg of the Air Service. The marriage will take place after the return to the United States of Captain Jacobs and his family, who will leave Manila in July. Miss Jacobs, who has been in Manila during her father's leave, is one of the popular members of the younger set. Lieutenant Gregg is stationed at Selfridge Field, Mr. Clemens, Michigan.

Dr. Soli, the German Ambassador, has been elected President of the Asiatic Society of Japan in succession to Sir Charles Elliot, the British Ambassador. Sir Harold Parlett and Dr. S. H. Wainright continue as vice-presidents. Other officers are Mr. W. J. Davis, corresponding secretary; Mr. Eugene Ho Doonan, recording secretary; Mr. N. K. Roscoe, treasurer; Prof. C. D. Hyde, librarian; Mr. Frank H. Hodges, editor. The members of the Council are Dr. M. Anzaki, Dr. R. C. Armstrong, Dr. N. G. Munro, Dr. J. Sakurai, Prof. J. T. Swift, Mr. C. E. Shinn, Mr. J. B. Snellen, Colonel Renouveau, and R. Rose-Innes.

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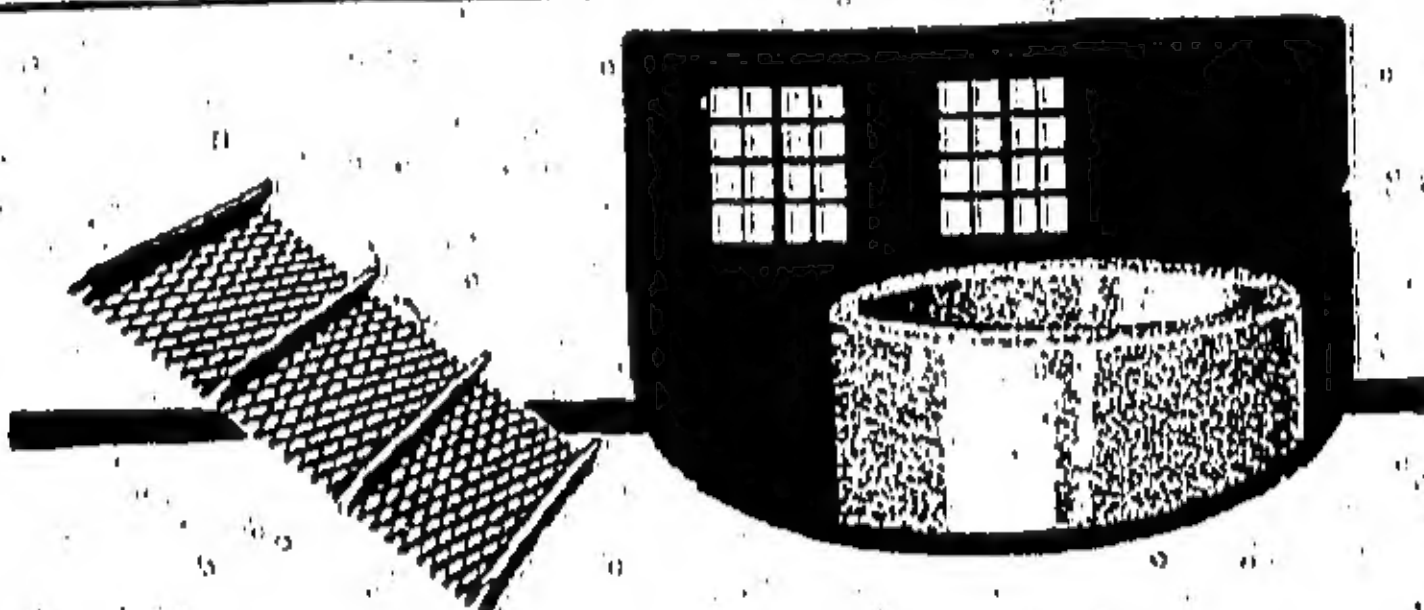
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People and Events in the News of the World



THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
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 Sonja Jowanowicz, the prettiest mannequin in a Berlin fashion show.



MRS. COOLIDGE, DISTRIBUTES TOYS
 Mrs. Coolidge acted as "first mate" to Santa Claus in the distribution of toys by the Central Union Mission in Washington.



NEXT TO NATURE
 Two below zero weather is just right, these girls think, for a little skating in their bathing suits. The men haven't skates, and have to swim. They're all members of the "Brownies," Manchester, N.H. In the bottom part of the picture are two club members "enjoying" a dip.



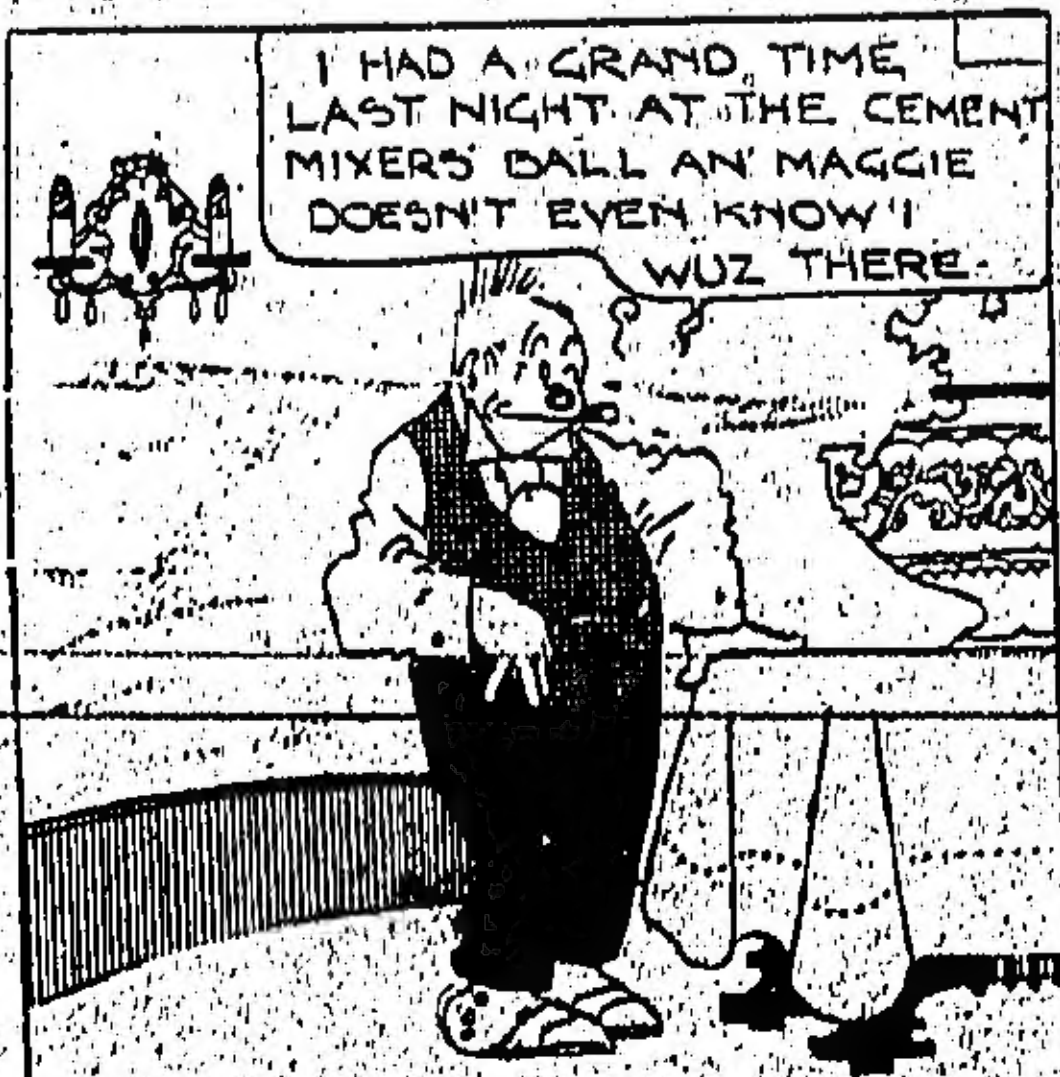
MRS. SOLEDAD CHACON
 The "big boss" of New Mexico, during the absence of Governor J. F. Hinkle in the East, was Mrs. Soledad C. Chacon, Secretary of State, who sat in the Governor's chair.



President von Hindenburg of Germany predicted a bright era of peace in his New Year address. J. B. Haldane, a noted British bio-chemist, was dismissed from Cambridge University because of a scandal. Dr. Wilhelm Kieselbach, German commissioner of the Mixed Claims Commission, made a trip to France. Luther Burbank, the noted naturalist, has developed a new variety of corn, bearing eight to fourteen ears to each stalk.

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Too Busy To Celebrate.
I think there are few women who would postpone celebrating their silver wedding for the sake of their business duties (writes "Gadabout" in the "Daily Chronicle.") But the Duchess of Atholl has been constantly postponing hers ever since July, when the actual date fell due, I believe. Now that she has been raised to Ministerial rank she will be busier than ever, but she thoroughly deserves the congratulations being showered upon her on her new appointment.

Electric Ship.
A most important development in marine engineering is represented by the first Diesel electric-driven vessel—"La Plaza," built by Cammell, Laird & Co. at Birkenhead to the order of the United Fruit Company, America—which took the water in the Mersey Channel. She has a cargo capacity for 7,000,000 bananas, but on this occasion the words of a popular song would have been appropriate, for the vessel was undergoing repairs. Technical experts representing all phases of marine engineering and shipbuilding accompanied her and were delighted with her performance. Mr. W. L. Hitchens, chairman of Cammell, Laird & Co., speaking at a luncheon during the trip, said that any future difficulties would be of detail and not of principle.

Germ-Killing Glaucamine.
A remarkable story, originating in experiments on the Western Front, lies behind the discovery of glaucamine, the powerful germ-killer, now attracting the attention of hundreds of doctors at the London Medical Exhibition in Central Hall, Westminster. The new antiseptic is one of the fruits of five years' research work carried out by two young Lancashire chemists, Dr. Arnold Renshaw and Mr. Thomas H. Fairbrother, M.Sc., both of Manchester. The two young workers (says a correspondent of "The Scotsman"), realizing that there was scope for the application of dyestuffs to the whole field of antiseptics, examined exhaustively the entire range of such dyes as could be applied to the work, and their results have shown them which groups of dyes possess good antiseptic qualities and which do not. They made an almost dramatic discovery, for example, in regard to the yellow dye auramine. First they tested it upon a Manchester victim of filariasis, an incurable tropical disease in which tiny worms multiply in the blood, and grow

Burning Leaves.
A smoke wreath hangs about the corner of the square, and there is a sharp tonic smell that you either like very much or you don't like at all. The gardener is burning leaves, writes Ralph Harold Bretherton in the London "Evening News."

Royal Rubies.
The Queen has lately been admiring that now rather neglected stone, the ruby. She recalls that the first ring she ever wore was not with these gems (observes the "Daily Express.") The ring, a present from her father, the late Duke of Teck, is still treasured by the Queen, though it is a simple little affair, and very old-fashioned, indeed, by present-day standards. Queen Alexandra possesses some fine rubies in her wonderful collection of jewels, but only rarely during recent years has she worn them.

The Smiling Duchess.
At the time of her marriage less than two years ago, the Duke of York's bride was popularly named "The Little Duchess." Now she is being acclaimed by all classes as "The Smiling Duchess" (says a writer in the "Westminster Gazette.") Could any more effective phrase be coined for routing the pessimists who prophesied that the heavy round of ceremonial duties inseparable from a Royal position would prove too much for her? The Duchess of York's engagements have been many and varied. Only once has the smiling Duchess been out of the British Isles since her marriage; and that was just about a year ago, when she accompanied her husband to Belgrade, where he went to officiate as "Koon" at the christening of the baby Crown Prince of Serbia, and to attend, next day, the wedding of Prince Paul of Greece with Princess Olga of Greece. Already she is enthroned in the hearts of the people for stories of her quiet charm and simple gracious manners have been spread. The Duke and Duchess of York will occupy the suite of apartments that is being prepared for them in Buckingham Palace. These rooms are immediately above the Queen's suite, and overlooking the garden front.

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